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(COVER. Carpenters serving as Peace Corps Volunteers demonstrate modern building methods and help create pools of trained manpower in 50 nations.)

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From the ranks of organized labor have come hundreds of American Peace Corps Volunteers who are now at work in the world-wide struggle against poverty, disease and illiteracy. More are needed now to serve in 50 developing nations of the world.

The combination of an urgently needed skill and the leadership abilities developed through trade union association provides special qualifications for Peace Corps service. The union member has been a participant in the struggle to achieve a better way of life for himself and his fellow workers. As a Peace Corps Volunteer, he can demonstrate the results of this participation to his co-workers overseas.

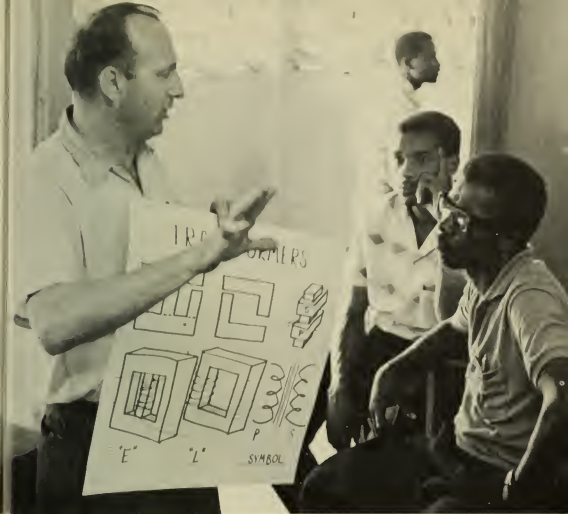
Nations of Africa, the Far East, Latin America, the Near East and South Asia look to the United States to help them achieve their economic, social and educational goals. These countries are asking the Peace Corps for trained manpower to teach their citizens — to work with them in doing important jobs while developing a national pool of skilled personnel.

Members of the American labor movement are responding to this challenge, and having a unique personal experience as they help people to help themselves. They are learning a new culture, a new language, a new people. They will return to the United States with a better understanding of their own culture. And they will have broadened their career opportunities as a result of their experience.

Here's how some Peace Corps Volunteers from organized labor's ranks are using their skills:

In **Jamaica**, **Ronald Ludin** of Flushing, N.Y., teaches classes in basic electricity. He served a 5-year apprenticeship in construction and electrical installation and became a member of Local 3, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

In **Malaya**, **James W. Neder** of Mt. Savage, Md., teaches machine shop skills. He is a member of Lodge 174,



Peace Corps classes in basic electricity help ease the shortage of technicians in developing countries which are trying to improve their living standards.

International Association of Machinists, Washington, D.C., and has had extensive machinist experience in government and industry.

In the **Dominican Republic**, **Edward E. Brand** of Manhattan Beach, Calif., works in a community development program, organizing community groups to define and meet their own needs. He was a shop steward for the International Retail Clerks Association, Local 1442.

In **Peru**, several Volunteers with union experience work in a large program of community development. **John M. Chiarella** and **Curtis Cherry** are nutrition experts. Their union experience helped give them the leadership training needed to organize community groups to mount a cooperative effort in improving local diets. Chiarella was president of Local 2279, United Steel Workers, Warren, Ohio. Cherry belongs to the United Auto Workers and was steward of Local 72, Kenosha, Wis. **John Coronado** of Huachuca City, Ariz., and his wife Mary work in an urban development program which includes building low-cost housing units. John is a construction craftsman who belongs to the International Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, Local 2096. He had prior construction experience in Peru before joining the Peace Corps.

Bricklayer **Albert Pagano** of Vineland, N.J., also works in a self-help housing program in Lima, Peru. A mem-

ber of Local 2, Bricklayers, Plasterers, Masons' International Union, his specialty is teaching and demonstrating the techniques of bricklaying.

Kathy Schultz, former financial secretary of the United Auto Workers Local 438, is helping organize and develop a Peru credit union project. **Wayne and Evelyn Denzler** of Riverside, Calif., also work in the Peru housing-community development program. He is a member of Local 73, Operative Plasters and Cement Masons' International.

In **Morocco**, **George Eder**, a member of Detroit Local 4000, Communications Workers of America, has been trained as a surveyor for a rural community development program.

In **Bolivia**, **Ray Morris** of Los Angeles, a member of Local 78, United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipefitting Industry, serves with teams of plumbers and well-diggers, helping improve water and sanitation facilities. Morris was an apprentice before joining the Peace Corps.

In **Tunisia**, Volunteer **Robert Trumpler**, former secretary-treasurer of the California State Employees Association, Local 94, works as a mechanic, servicing heavy earth-moving and road-building equipment. In California he was a maintenance manager of a truck fleet and has worked as a forester and maintenance engineer.

In **St. Lucia**, Volunteer **Madge Shipp**, one of many Volunteer members of the American Federation of Teachers, teaches in a secondary school. She was a member

Skilled workmen serving as Peace Corps Volunteers develop new type of brick from local materials and train the people in modern construction techniques.



of the Michigan Federation of Teachers and worked for the Oak Park Board of Education.

In **Pakistan**, **Roger Hord** of Portland, Ore., is training masons and bricklayers to carry out plans for school and housing construction. He is a third-generation member of Local 1, Bricklayers, Masons and Plasterers' International Union.

WHY VOLUNTEER?

Why have these and other members of organized labor volunteered for the Peace Corps?

They have been asked that question many times. One Volunteer said: "I still can't provide a short, easy answer. But every day I discover at least a dozen reasons why I should have volunteered."

Here are the basic reasons a Volunteer generally gives:

First, because he sees the world around him changing daily. He sees the great problems facing his generation. He wants to do something that has meaning. Said one Volunteer: "If we Americans can live and work overseas as equals, we can win friends by sincere, honest work and by the exchange of ideas, thus proving ourselves worthy to be their friends."

Second, because he has a deep appreciation for hard work and achievement, and he has a well-developed sense of social responsibility. These are qualities that can be transmitted from one culture to another.

Third, because he knows that his investment in the Peace Corps can make a strong impact on his future

The Peace Corps has many calls for bricklayers and other skilled building tradesmen to help on school, road and housing projects in developing countries.



career. He will have an increased knowledge of his skill. He will know a foreign language. He will know the people and culture of another country, and he will have a real, basic understanding of the international community. These factors will help him become a valuable member of the American working force when he comes home.

AFL-CIO ENDORSEMENT

The Executive Council of the AFL-CIO has urged that "all AFL-CIO affiliates assist in making the Peace Corps a successful and enduring program by encouraging the enlistment of Volunteers from labor's ranks and by supporting the programs of the Peace Corps whenever and wherever appropriate."

NEEDED SKILLS

UNION TRADES:

Bricklayers
Carpenters
Cement Masons
Electricians
Painters
Pipefitters
Plasterers
Plumbers
Roofers
Sheet-metal Workers
Stone Masons
Structural Iron Workers
Operating Engineers
Auto Mechanics
Food Processors
Administrative Skills

Engineering Technicians
Diesel Mechanics
Heavy Equipment Mechanics
Vocational Teachers
Well Diggers
Radio & TV Technicians
Tailors
Electronics Technicians
Heavy Equipment Operators
Machinists
Welders
Surveyors
Air-conditioning Repairmen
Refrigerator Repairmen
Draftsmen
Teachers — All Levels
Printers

All Construction Trade Apprentices

WHERE NEEDED

LATIN AMERICA

Bolivia
Chile
Colombia
Dominican Republic
Guatemala
Brazil
El Salvador
Ecuador
Honduras
Venezuela
West Indies
Peru
Panama
Jamaica

AFRICA

Ghana
Sierra Leone
Tunisia
Togo
Cameroon
Morocco
Somalia
Senegal
Ethiopia
Gabon
Niger

FAR EAST

Ceylon

Thailand
Malaya
North Borneo
Sarawak
Philippines
Indonesia

NEAR EAST/ SOUTH ASIA

Iran
Nepal
Pakistan
Afghanistan
India
Cyprus



Madge Shipp, a member of the American Federation of Teachers, taught school in Detroit for 16 years before joining the Peace Corps to teach in St. Lucia.

QUALIFICATIONS

WHO MAY APPLY: Any American citizen over 18 may apply for service with the Peace Corps. There is no upper age limit. Married persons with no dependent children are eligible if both can do needed Peace Corps jobs as Volunteers. Volunteers must be in excellent physical and mental health, emotionally mature and upright in their personal conduct.

HOW DO I APPLY? By filling out a Peace Corps Volunteer Questionnaire. Write to Division of Professional, Technical and Labor Affairs, Peace Corps, Washington 25, D. C. Ask for the Questionnaire and the Peace Corps information booklets. Questionnaires are also available at Post Offices, through the offices of your Senators and Congressmen, from any Bureau of Employment Security Office and from union offices.

TRAINING: Once you have been selected as a Volunteer, you will be invited to participate in a thorough, comprehensive training program. You will receive language training, area studies, refresher courses in American history along with courses in the history and culture of your host country.

PAY AND ALLOWANCES: During training and overseas service, all expenses—including travel, food, clothing, housing, medical care and incidentals—will be paid by the Peace Corps. Upon completion of Peace Corps service, Volunteers will receive a readjustment allowance equal to \$75 a month for each month of service.



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TRAVEL AND LEAVE: Volu
allowances each year and
for travel from their duty stations.

DISABILITY BENEFITS: Disability benefits, including medical
care, will be provided for Volunteers and any illness or
injury incurred in the line of duty will be covered.

MILITARY OBLIGATIONS: Military obligations are not met
through Peace Corps service, but Volunteers can be deferred
from the Selective Service and Reserve obligations for the
period of their Peace Corps service, at the discretion of local
Selective Service boards.

WHEN TO APPLY?: Now. Send your Questionnaire in today.

Dear Mr. Pagano:

I am a _____ and would
(major skill)
appreciate receiving the following Peace Corps material.

- ☐ The 28-page Peace Corps Fact Book
☐ Peace Corps Volunteer Questionnaire (application)

Name _____

Address _____

Union membership _____

Major field of experience _____

Graduate of Apprentice Program _____

I would be available to enter training for a Peace Corps
project on _____
(Date)

CLIP AND MAIL THIS COUPON TO:

PEACE CORPS, Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Jules Pagano, Director
Professional & Technical Division

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